



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 602**

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**Chairperson:** Kermit A. Brashear  
**Committee:** Judiciary  
**Date of Hearing:** February 20, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 602, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, would ban all forms of human cloning in the State of Nebraska; reproductive human cloning and somatic cell nuclear transfer (therapeutic human cloning).

It would be unlawful to perform or attempt to perform, to derive any product from, to participate in the performance of or an attempt to perform, or implant an embryo produced by human cloning.

Violation of the Human Cloning Prohibition Act would be a Class IV felony.

LB 602 does not prohibit any scientific research not specifically prohibited by the act, including the cloning of plants and animals, or cells other than human embryos.

Finally, section six is a severability clause that would maintain the validity of the remainder of the bill if a section of this act would be declared unconstitutional.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Senator Adrian M. Smith**